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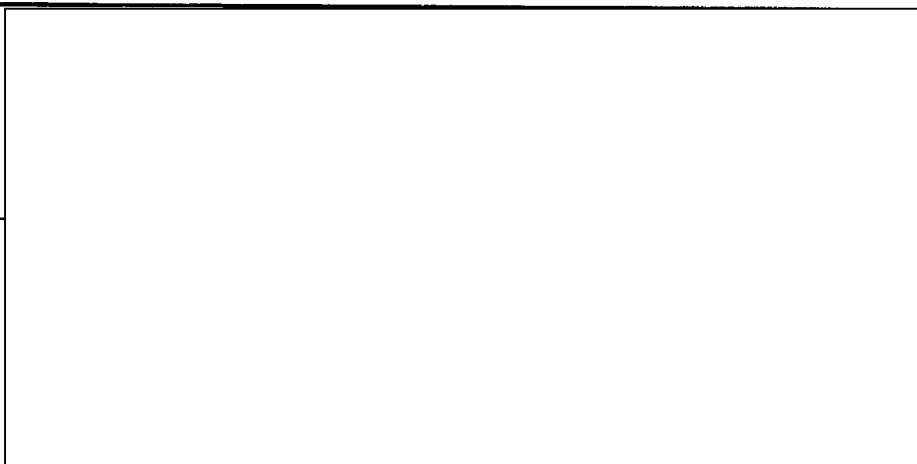
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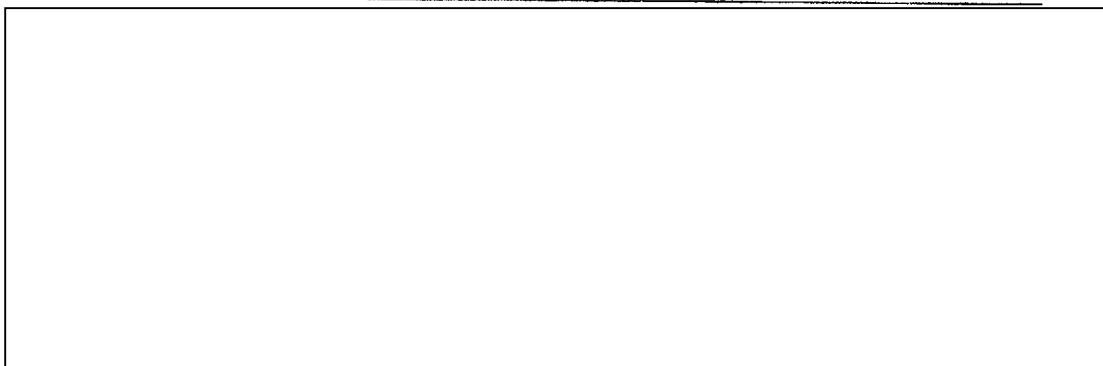
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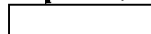


Rwanda: Peace Initiatives Renewed

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Rwanda RPF Demands

About 3,000 Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) guerrillas invaded Rwanda from Uganda in October 1990 hoping to overthrow President Habyarimana's regime and initiate Tutsi-led political reforms for a population that is nearly 90-percent Hutu. After it failed to seize the capital, the RPF shifted to guerrilla-style tactics. Attacks, which increasingly included civilian targets, have given the RPF control over a corridor along the Rwanda-Uganda border. The RPF is seeking participation in a new transitional government, integration into the Rwandan Army, the unconditional return of all Rwandan Tutsi refugees, and a national conference to determine future multiparty elections and establish new political institutions.

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Negotiations that are set to begin in Paris tomorrow between the Hutu-dominated government and the Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) guerrilla movement mark the first step toward resolving a nearly two-year-old civil war. [redacted]

[redacted] the coalition government formed in April has tried to end the fighting by opening direct talks with the RPF and by easing tensions with Uganda, which Kigali accused of harboring the rebels. [redacted] Hutu hardliners opposing any concessions organized violent political demonstrations in Kigali last week; this week some military units, fearing demobilization if a peace accord is signed, rioted in several towns, killing some 27 people. [redacted]

Comment: Both Kigali and the RPF probably hope that French and perhaps US participation in the talks will legitimize their demands. Both sides are likely to agree on a cease-fire and some arrangement for Tutsi refugees, but if the RPF insists on power sharing or demands the ouster of President Habyarimana the talks almost certainly will collapse. [redacted]

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